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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHOWA CORPORATION ) Examiner: Lerner, Avraham H.  
Serial Number: 10/722,258 ) Art Unit: 3611  
Filed: November 25, 2003 )  
For: INVERTED TYPE FRONT FORK IN TWO- )  
WHEELED VEHICLE OR THE LIKE )  
Docket Number: 13679 )

**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION**

Hon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 20, 2004

Sir:

This communication is responsive to your Office Action dated June 18, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire September 18, 2004. September 18, 2004 was a Saturday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on September 20, 2004.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as indicated in the section entitled Claim Amendments.